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## Hunter Soldiers, Families compete in 'Amazing Race'



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**Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Campbell shows his son Adam, 11, how to swing a golf club during the third leg of the Hunter Army Airfield Amazing Race, March 12.**

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Like the contestants on the CBS reality competition show "The Amazing Race," about 60 people spent the morning of March 12 running around Hunter Army Airfield trying to complete tasks to get their passport stamped during the first-ever Hunter Army Airfield Amazing Race.

"This is a good opportunity to get out and have fun with my boys," said Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Campbell, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, who took part in the event with sons Adam, 11, and Noah, 7. "We really appreciate events like this."

The event kicked off at Hallstrom Lake, where participants were given their Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation passport, which they carried to each of the seven points of the race to have stamped as they completed the allotted task.

The race began with a kayak across Hallstrom Lake. The participants then took off to the Skeet Range, where they hit targets with a paintball gun, and onto the golf course, where they were challenged to drive a golf ball at least 70 yards three times at the range.

After hitting the links, the contestants headed to Hunter Lanes, where they had to bowl a strike before they could move to the next stop – the Commissary, where they had to find the hidden milk man.

With just two events to go, participants ran to the Squires Sports Complex, where they hit three softballs into the outfield of one of the baseball diamonds, then ran across Duncan Drive to Tominac Fitness Center, the final stop, where they had to make three free throws to complete the race.

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Courtesy Photo

**Specialist Sarah Ramirez tandem skydives from 14,000 feet with her instructor at Rockmart, Ga., March 12. The skydiving event was coordinated by the BOSS program, a program geared toward single Soldiers.**

## BOSS Soldiers skydive 14,000 feet

**Elvia Kelly**  
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As the chill from winter's cool air is taken by the springtime sun, Soldiers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield had the opportunity to fall from the sky, feeling firsthand the air of the changing seasons.

Soldiers participated in the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program skydiving trip at Rockmart, Ga., March 12. They began their adventure early Saturday morning, where approximately 36 Soldiers tandem jumped from an airplane at 14,000 feet.

"This was my first time skydiving," Spc. Sarah Ramirez, 293rd MP Co., 385th MP Battalion, said. "I was really anxious; I was one of the last groups to go. There was a lot of wind in my ears and face, but it was pretty awesome."

Specialist Ramirez is the BOSS rep-

resentative for the 293rd MP Co. She learned about the skydiving trip while distributing the information to her company. However, Spec. Ramirez was not the only Soldier who skydived for the first time with the BOSS program that early morning.

"Skydiving for the first time was a blast," Pfc. Patrick Lindstrom, HHC, 4th Brigade, said. "At first I was a little shaky, but the feeling was pure adrenaline. It was an experience of a lifetime."

The long road trip to the skydiving farm was well worth the excitement and adrenaline rush for the Soldiers. After experiencing their first jump, Spc. Ramirez and Pfc. Lindstrom said they would skydive again given the opportunity.

"The next trip we go on, I will be there, guaranteed," Pfc. Lindstrom said. "The jumper I was attached to, spun me around, and showed me the view. The view was amazing."

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## Hinesville native, NFL player, holds football camp in Hinesville

**Spc. Michael Adams**  
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Gary Guyton, a football player with the New England Patriots, came home to his native Hinesville, to hold the Gary Guyton Sportsfest, a football camp for the area's youth, at the Bradwell Institute, March 12.

Guyton, along with other National Football League players and former college players aspiring to be in the NFL, participated in the clinic as well.

"We want the kids to come out here, run around a little bit, learn some football skills, try to be a role model for the kids, try to show them a little fun," Guyton said.

During the camp, young children participated in football drills. They practiced tackling, throwing and learned techniques that pros do to make themselves excellent football players.

Many of the children were there to learn

about football and possibly get an idea of what it would be like to play in the NFL.

Guyton, who's uncle serves in the Army, recalled what it was like growing up in a military community

"It was great to me," he said. "The military was right down the street from where I lived. You always see Soldiers out here working. It was good to have the troops here serving our country. It was a good feeling. They're doing good things protecting us."

Guyton also had a personal message for the Soldiers

"Keep on trucking," he said. "I do appreciate you. What you men and woman do are truly amazing. We do what we do because of you guys. My Family and I appreciate what you do."

Guyton offered advice to anyone with big aspirations.

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Spc. Michael Adams

**Gary Guyton, a football player with the New England Patriots, and Hinesville native, does push-ups after he threw an errant pass to one of the attendees at the Gary Guyton Sportsfest, held at Bradwell Institute, March 12.**

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"I love the show *Amazing Race*," said 1st Lt. Christopher Jones, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, who ran the course with Sgt. Arthur Merritt, also of 1/3 Avn. "I've always wanted to be on the show, and figured this is the closest I'd ever get to being on it."

Those who took part had the option to either complete the race on foot, on

their bike or in their vehicle. The first runners to complete the course were 1st Lt. Jones and Sgt. Merritt, and they received two raffle tickets each for completing the course on foot. Those who went through the course in their vehicles received one raffle ticket.

"I think I have more of a feeling of accomplishment from running," said

Sgt. Merritt. "My wife is deployed, so I needed something to occupy my time, and I wanted to show her that I could do it."

The unit with the most participants was awarded \$800, and it went to 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. Other prizes were given through a raffle – a flat screen TV,

a Wii and Wii Fit.

"This event really brings the Families together, and gives them the opportunity to explore the things available to them on post," said Millard Jones, the director of FMWR at Hunter. "Plus, it's a conditioning exercise that gives them the chance to get out and challenge themselves."

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Following the skydiving event, here's a tip for females interested in participating in future BOSS skydiving trips, tie your hair up.

"I wore my hair down," Spc. Ramirez said. "When you're in the air, it's very windy. It was like a blow dryer, except 10 times stronger. So, my hair was knotted up. But, it was still fun."

The BOSS skydiving trip was one of many events made available to single Soldiers throughout

Stewart-Hunter.

"We have a mission," Sgt. Frank Carson, Stewart-Hunter BOSS president, said. "The mission is to keep morale up for the Soldiers. We want to make sure our Soldiers are treated the same way as we treat our Soldiers that are married."

"Come out and have fun," Pvt. Daniel Siqueiros, 369 Armor, 1st Bde., said. "It beats staying at the barracks, and it's a great opportunity to do something fun."

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"Chase your dreams," said Guyton. "It's a dream come true for me. As long as you chase your dreams, manage your goals and do the best you can, I think you'll always land in a good spot. For me, putting on my jersey is a dream come true. It seems far-fetched, but it can be obtained."

At the end, the college and NFL players who hosted the camp had the opportunity to talk with the young people about staying in school, the importance of getting good grades and making good decisions in high school and after high school.

Many Soldiers and their Family Members attend-

ed the free camp.

Sergeant First Class Jimmy Ingram, Army reserve career counselor, with the Army Reserves Career Division, attended with his son, Joshua, 12. Joshua aspires to play in the NFL someday.

"I wanted to give my son some experience with some professional athletes and give him tips that he can become a better football player," said Sgt. 1st Class Ingram.

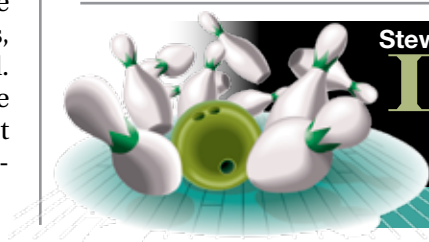
He added that he remembered when Guyton played football at Bradwell and that he was really happy the NFL star remembered his roots and gave back to the community.



Photos by Spc. Michael Adams

**ABOVE: Gary Guyton, a linebacker with the New England Patriots, speaks with children who participated in the Gary Guyton Sportsfest, March 12.**

**LEFT: Daiquon Drake, 12 attempts to catch a pass, during the Gary Guyton Sportsfest, sponsored by NFL player, and Hinesville native, Gary Guyton, March 12, at the Bradwell Institute.**



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# Army hits bull's-eye with NCAA



Brian Lepley

**COLUMBUS, Ga. – U.S. Military Academy junior Kelly Buck selects another round to chamber during air rifle competition of the 2011 NCAA Rifle Championship at Columbus State University, March 12.**

**Brian Lepley**  
*Army Accessions Command PAO*

The National Collegiate Athletic Association usually has the U.S. Military Academy team competing but this year there was a lot more Army flavor.

The 2011 matches last week were co-hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Columbus State University of Columbus, Ga.

The USAMU's Pool Range at Fort Benning was the site of the small-bore competition March 11 while the air rifle event happened at Columbus State March 12.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Hodne, USAMU commander, was the speaker at the tournament's opening and closing banquets on March 10 and 12.

"Supporting the championship matches was a natural fit for the USAMU," Lt. Col. Hodne said. "Our teams of Olympic, national and international champions were very proud to host these collegiate athletes this week. We're all part of a terrific team promoting and developing the sport."

The Accessions Support Brigade, AMU's higher headquarters, worked with AMU to create a community outreach event near the Pool Range on March 10. The Army Adventure Van with helicopter, M1 tank and Humvee simulators, was set up next to a shooting demonstration by the AMU's shotgun team at the range complex.

While the collegiate shooters practiced at Pool, nearly 700 civilians from the southwest Georgia region visited the Army Accessions displays. The next day 49 college shooters representing 14 universities began their championship quest at the Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence.

Among those teams was West Point with five cadets: senior John Manzano, junior Kelly Buck, sophomore William Mengon and freshmen Richard Calvin and Michael Matthews.

This year was Buck's third straight trip to the NAAs. She finished fourth in smallbore as a freshman and ninth last year in air rifle.

She was seventh in that discipline and finished tied for 10th in air rifle, one shot out of a shoot-off to compete for the individual title. Overall, the Army team finished eighth in the team competition.

"The competition has been getting harder," Buck said. "The scores have been going up every year so I'm just trying to keep up with everyone. As Army gets better, everyone else gets better."

The University of Kentucky edged West Virginia University 4700-4697 for the 2011 combined title. The Wildcats claimed the smallbore championship over WVU 2336-2329 while the Mountaineers edged UK 2368-2364 in air rifle.

While the U.S. Military Academy was making its eighth straight NCAA appearance, shooters from West Virginia University, University of Kentucky, and others at the tournament do not deal with West Point's training rigors.

"We do everything every cadet does and on top of that we're NCAA athletes," Manzano said. "We practice every single day almost every week and that's a challenge. It's hard work to get everything done and then add to it."

Lieutenant Colonel Hodne's speech Saturday was at the tournament's awards dinner, where Buck was named an All American in small-bore for 2011. The rifle tournament does not have a permanent home but it could return to Columbus and Fort Benning for 2012.

"Fort Benning and Columbus Georgia feature prominently in the history of competitive shooting in America and this event just adds to that legend," Lt. Col. Hodne said. "It's been a great partnership between the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Columbus State University to host this NCAA Rifle championship."

## Sports Briefs

### Golf membership drive continues

Through March 31, a membership drive at Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club is offered. Soldiers who are redeploying back to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield can join Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf for 20 percent off the Fiscal Year 2011 pro-rated fee. For details, call 912-767-2370 or 912-315-9115.

### Tee-off with DPTMS

Registrations are underway for the second annual Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Golf Tournament, April 1. Check-in is 11 a.m. with a noon start time at Taylors Creek Golf Course,

912-767-2370.

The format is a 4-person scramble, with 2 mulligan's available per player. The event is limited to the first 100 players. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, third place teams; longest drive contest; closest to pin on all par 3's; 'hit the green' contest; hole-in-one on two par 3's; straightest drive contest and lots of door prizes.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Williams Steven, 912-210-7213, [steven.williams8@conus.army.mil](mailto:steven.williams8@conus.army.mil); or Sgt. 1st Class Alvin Thompson at 912-572-9904, [alvin.thompson@conus.army.mil](mailto:alvin.thompson@conus.army.mil).

### Military Appreciation Day slated

Cross-fit Military Appreciation Day and Fitness Competition is scheduled for April 2.

Cross-fit Savannah in Hinesville (1875 E.G. Miles Parkway) honors members of the armed forces by

offering free training and nutrition advice to Soldiers and their Families. The event also includes a cross-fit competition with prizes, including three free weeks of membership.

The competition sign-up deadline is March 25. The competition is open to all Soldiers and their Families. The event will be held from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For any questions or to sign up for the competition, contact Capt. Ashish Thomas, 912-435-9741 or [ashish.thomas@us.army.mil](mailto:ashish.thomas@us.army.mil), or Cross-fit Savannah owner Tina Carson at 912-385-3837 or [tina\\_Marie797@hotmail.com](mailto:tina_Marie797@hotmail.com).

### Tominac charges daily group fees

Hunter's Tominac Fitness Center has started charging a fee for daily group fitness (Zumba, Yoga, Boot Camp, Kick Box, Power Yoga & Pilates, Cycle X Spinning) classes. Fees are one session for \$3 or ten sessions for \$25. For more information, call 912-315-5078.